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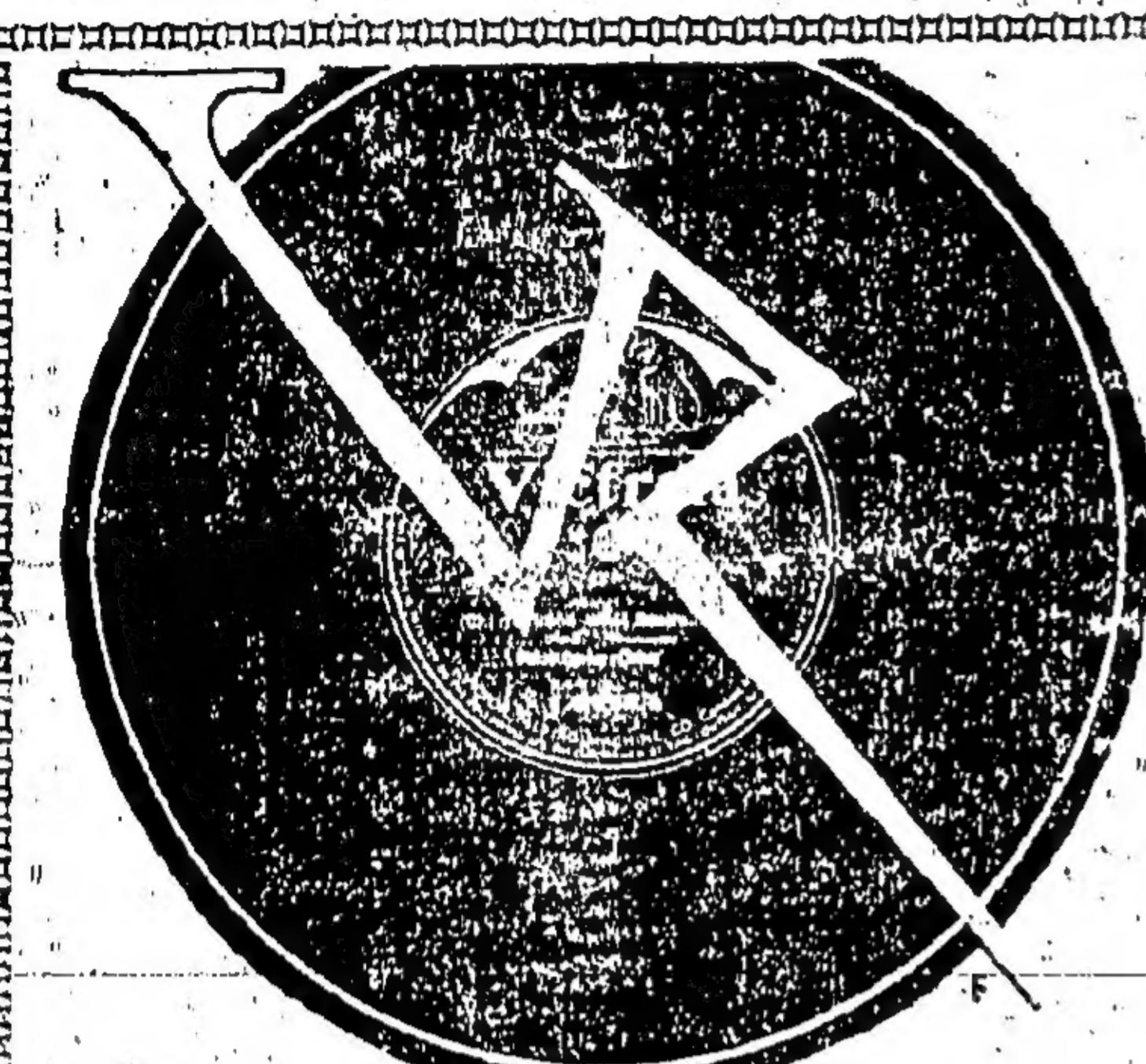


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AN AGREEMENT.

COAL OWNERS AND MINERS IN CONFERENCE.

TERMS OF SETTLEMENT.

LONDON, May 15. A conference between the representatives of the coal owners and miners convened in accordance with the recommendation of the recent court of enquiry resulted in an agreement to-day on the subject of wages and terms to be submitted to the miners' delegate conference on May 29.—Reuter.

The main provisions of the proposed coal agreement allow for standard profits consisting of 15 percent standard wages instead of 17 percent; a future increase in the minimum rate of wages to 33 1/3 per cent.; a division of surplus profits of 88 per cent. and 12 per cent. to wages and profits respectively; no able-bodied adults' wages to fall below forty per cent. of the lowest paid class of day-wage workmen in their district.—Reuter.

The miners' delegate conference decided on March 28 to take a ballot on the recommendation to reject the coal owners' final offer to increase the minimum rate of wages from 20 to 33 1/3 per cent. and to give 87 per cent. of any surplus to wages and 13 per cent. to profits instead of the present 83 per cent. and 17 per cent. division.

The conference also decided to call on the Government to institute an inquiry. It was not to be a strike ballot.

MacLAREN DELAYED.

Allahabad, May 15. Squadron Leader MacLaren was unable to restart to-day owing to water in the petrol. He hopes to leave for Calcutta tomorrow.—Reuter.

LANDING PLACES UNSATISFACTORY.

Tokyo, May 15. Comdr. Broome who has arrived from Hakodate, where the "Thiepval" arrived on Tuesday, interviewed, declared he was pessimistic regarding the success of the world-flights in the neighbourhood of the Kuriles unless the selected landing place was changed.

Bettobu, Kaishiawara, and Hitokappu Bays were all unsatisfactory, because they were exposed and dangerous.

Comdr. Broome, who has thoroughly explored these regions, proposes suggesting to the Japanese authorities other spots which he selected, and also the insertion of Port Kushiro as an intermediate landing place between Minato and Hitokappu Bay.

HOME GOLF.

NEW CHAMPIONSHIP COURSE RECORD.

London, May 15. The "Daily Mail" £1,000 professional golf tournament was won by the young Lansdowne professional, C. A. Whitecombe who, following a wonderful first round of 70 yesterday, which broke the course record, accomplished a marvellous fourth round of 69 to-day, aggregating 289 which is a British Championship Course record. A hundred leading British professionals competed. The previous best 72-hole record over a championship course was 291 by James Braid at Prestwick in 1908.—Reuter.

BUILDING TRADE.

London, May 16. Building trade operatives and executives have decided to submit a ballot embodying the new terms made by employers with a recommendation that acceptance of the offer is in immediate increase of half-penny an hour until the statutory revision next January when employers will be willing to stabilize wages to twenty pence an hour for Grade "A" towns with subsequent reductions of half-penny an hour for every drop of eleven points in the cost of living index figure.

GREEK EMIGRATION CONFERENCE.

Rome, May 15. At the opening of the International Emigration Conference in the presence of the King, members of the Cabinet and diplomatic officers, M. Mussolini welcomed delegates from 59 states. He stressed the necessity of collaboration for safeguarding interests and order and that the laws for protection of emigrants should be based on principles of humanity and justice.

ANGLO SOVIET CONFERENCE.

DIVERGENCE OF OPINION.

BIG RUSSIAN IMPORTS.

LONDON, May 15. A communiqué from to-day's plenary meeting of the Anglo-Soviet Conference states that the British have excluded from the scope of the Conference peace treaties in which other countries were co-signatories without consulting the latter. Questions were discussed concerning claims by British subjects in Russia since the revolution and inter-governmental claims in which a divergence of opinion resulted. The conference adjourned to afford the Soviet representatives an opportunity of studying the British proposals. The Conference will be resumed on June 2.—Reuter.

MOSCOW, May 15. Russian imports for April are valued at 31 million gold roubles and exports at 12 million. M. Kamenev at the Communist Party Conference anticipated a favourable issue of the Anglo-Soviet conference. In such case, if credits were given, part-orders might be placed with England. It had been stated that private capital in South Russia governed 83 per cent. of retail trade and 50 per cent. wholesale. This percentage was too large; the State should be masters in home markets.

HOME CRICKET.

NOTTS v. SOUTH AFRICA.

Exciting First Innings Finish.

At Nottingham in glorious weather and before a crowd of 6,000 Notts made 185 (Pegler 1). The South Africans replied with 236 (Nourse 147 not out). Nourse batted for 1 hour and 95 minutes and played superb, all round cricket, scoring 19 fours. Staples took 5 wickets for 78.

* [The South Africans made 186 in the first innings, so a close finish is likely.]

YORKSHIRE v. CAMB. UNIV.

Yorkshire won by an innings and 6 wickets. Yorkshire made 234 for 8 wickets declared (Sutcliffe 108 not out). Cambridge made 111 (Rhodes 6 for 22) and 117.

KENT v. NORTHERNS.

Kent won by 27 runs. Kent made 206 (Wells 4 for 25) and 67 in the 2nd innings (Wells 4 for 20). Northerns made 193 and 53 in the 2nd innings (Freeman 5 for 12 and Woolley 5 for 14).

SUSSEX v. HAMPSHIRE.

Sussex won by an innings and 16 runs. Cox made 78 in the second innings and took 6 wickets for 66 runs. In the first innings Tate's analysis was 6 for 24.

U.S. SOLDIERS' BONUS.

ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO OVERTAKE THE PRESIDENT.

Washington, May 15. President Coolidge has vetoed the "Soldiers' Bonus Bill" — Reuter's American Service.

[The Senate passed the Soldiers' Bonus Bill on April 24 and there had been much speculation as regards President Coolidge's attitude, as he declared in his last message to Congress that he did not favour the bonus.]

PORTUGUESE IN BRITISH PLANE.

LISBON, May 15.

A message from Karachi states that the Portuguese airmen hope to resume flight on May 22 in a Royal Air Force aeroplane placed at their disposal.

AIRMAN EXPECTED.

CANTON, May 16.

D'Oisy is expected here to-day.

He will land at Tai-sha-tou, the Chinese aviation camp.

RECIPES OF SAHARA.

DUSKY "SHEIKS" AT TROCADERO.

Washington, May 15. Overriding President Coolidge's opposition, the House of Representatives has overwhelmingly adopted the Conference Committee's report making Japanese exclusion effective on July 1. The measure now goes to the Senate.—Reuter's American Service.

ORE FOR GERMANY.

BRITISH EMPIRE CORPORATION'S CONTRACT.

ST. JOHNS, (Newfoundland), May 15.

It is announced that the British Empire Corporation has contracted to supply 1,250,000 tons of iron ore to German buyers within six months. Twenty large steamers will be required for its conveyance.—Reuter's American Service.

BIG BANGS.

EUROPEAN SOUND TESTS.

PARIS, May 16.

Ten tons of melinite exploded at Iacourtine at 7.30 yesterday evening provided a "big bang" for listening posts on the ground and in the air. These are established in most countries in Europe with the object of studying the behaviour of sound waves. The experiment which under official international auspices is a continuation of the test made at Oldenbroek, Holland, in 1922. Similar explosions have been arranged for Friday and Saturday.

STOP PRESS.

DR. SUN YAT-SEN.

We learn that a telegram has been received in the Colony this afternoon which states that Dr. Kummel ceased attending Dr. Sun Yat-sen over a week ago.

MALAYAN COLLIERIES.

[China Mail Special.]

SINGAPORE, May 15.

In the Peck-Russell case regarding the Malayan Collieries, the judgment states that the balance of finding fact was in favour of the minority shareholders. The question of relief would be further considered.

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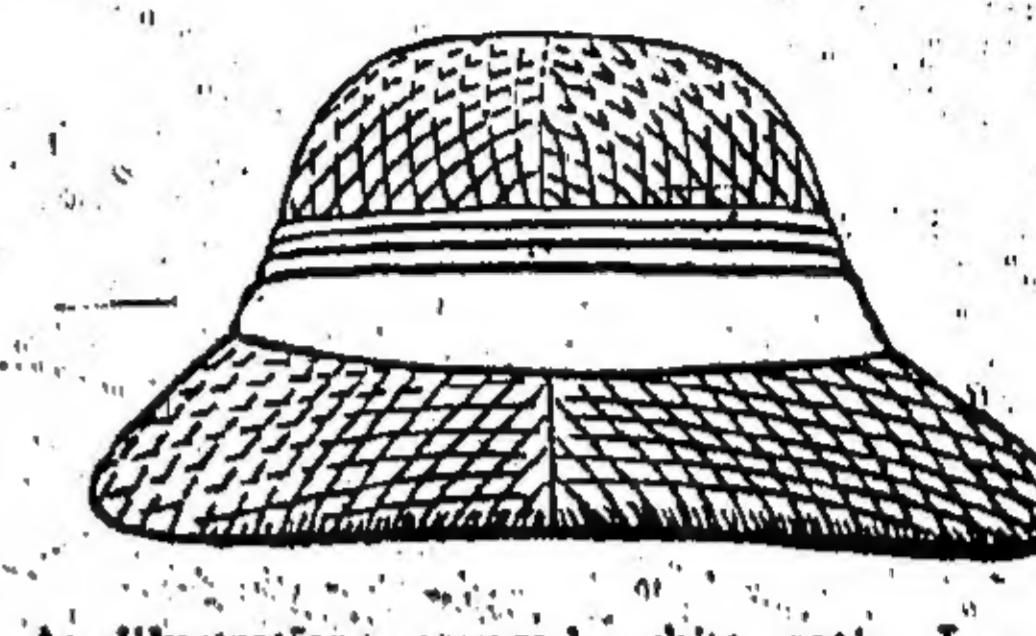
DUSKY "SHEIKS" AT TROCADERO.

Some of the age-old secrets of the North African sweet maker have been coaxed out of him by an explorer who penetrated remote villages of the Sahara for the purpose.

The recipes were brought back and put into the hands of one of Messrs. Lyons' chefs, and Mr. Henry Ainley-Hazan, the sweet-maker, was appropriately among the guests of the directors at the Trocadero who sampled the results.

African sherbets, with celestial names like Heavenly Rain, Jewelled Water, Fountain of Heaven, Paradise Honey, flavoured with rose-water, orange, and grape, were served instead of cocktails, and the piece de resistance of the menu was young chicken stuffed with stoned dates, decorated with pistachio nuts and cherries, and served with hot honey and cream sauce. Poulardine farce à la Diabolo. Tiramisu, and the like.

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The "Poor" Queen.

It must be a pitiful experience to hear the queen pleading poverty. Yet this was what happened the other day to the secretary of a society of artists (reports the *Daily Express*). He was showing the Queen round the pictures, and when he pointed out the beauties of some works Her Majesty said, "Oh, but Mr. —, I cannot buy anything just now." I am very poor just now."

An Unconventional Hostess.

Lady Astor is the gayest and most unconventional of hostesses. I once acceded the strain to one of her parties behind a hill and very dignified lady wrapped in a tightly-draped black velvet-gown with a cape arrangement (says a *Daily Chronicle* writer). Lady Astor watched her advance, twinkled, held out both hands. "Hello, Devil!" she said, with such an effin merriment that the black velvet lady laughed too. "I don't think you know me," was her reply.

The Prince's Club.

The Prince of Wales belongs to the Marlborough Club, where a political function took place the other day for the first time in its history, but it is not his favourite club, as it was King Edward's, remarks the *Star*. The Prince goes mostly to Pratt's, a small, quiet club in Park Lane, where the rooms and the fare are simple compared with other clubs. This and the fact that it is not necessary to dress for dinner at Pratt's, as it is at the Marlborough, make it attractive to the Prince on his nights.

Master Lascelles Now Walking.

I hear that Master Lascelles, a very sturdy, boyish-looking youngster, has passed the crawling stage and is now able to toddle down the long galleries of his home (observes a *Daily Chronicle* writer). Princess Mary, is a most devoted mother, and spends much of her time with her little son. A frequent visitor to his nursery is his grandmother, the Countess of Hardwood. Princess Mary, while adopting many modern ideas for the home, has not banished the open fire, and her Yorkshire home is kept cheerful in winter by blazing coal fires.

Inspires of the Queen's Doll House.

It was Princess Marie Louise herself an exceedingly skilled worker in crucifixes upon silver or bronze—who conceived the idea of the dolls' house (points out the *Woman's Magazine*). Associated with her in the undertaking, which began to take shape about two years ago, has been her sister, Princess Helene "Victoria." Sir Laurence Weaver, Mr. E. V. Lucas, and, more recently, Sir Herbert Morgan, have taken an active part in the work. As architect, Sir Edward Lutyens was in London known as the most brilliant of his more ornate work in the buildings that are to be seen in the new Delhi.

Miss Bondfield's Scarf.

Miss Margaret Bondfield is one of the first women M.P.'s to don the "apache" scarf in the House of Commons (says the London *Evening News*). She has a vivid orange, green, and blue one; she wears it with a business-like brown cheviot suit. Miss Bondfield does not wear her scarf knotted tightly around the neck in what is called the coster style. She has it loosely draped in what woman describe as the "new gypsy fashion."

Painting "The Little Duchess."

An interesting private view was that of Flora Lion, whose many friends were all anxious to see her portrait of the Duchess of York. I was fortunate enough to catch Flora at work, says a *Daily Chronicle* writer. The Duchess had just given her, another sitting, and the artist is still busy on the picture. It is a charming group of the three daughters of Lord Strathmore—Lady Elphinstone and Lady Rose Leveson-Gower being the other two, of course—and will probably be one of the main centres of attraction at the Royal Academy summer show this year.

The Prince's Club.

For Dr. Marie Stoops, the well-known scientist of Givens Grove, Leatherhead has given birth to a son and heir. Dr. Stoops is widely known as a leader of the birth-control movement, and her writings on the subject include a play, "Our Ostriches," which had a fairly long run at the Court Theatre recently. Her husband is Mr. H. V. Roe, the aviation pioneer, and hon. secretary of the Society for Constructive Birth Control, of which Dr. Stoops is president. Mr. Roe is at present busy canvassing votes for re-election to the Leatherhead Urban District Council.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Second Annual Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, on Monday, 26th May 1924, at noon.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 19th May, 1924 to 26th May 1924, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

S. J. JORDAIN,
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Hongkong, 7th May, 1924.

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The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 9th to the 23rd May 1924, both days inclusive.

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The said scrip are the property of the undersigned and application has been duly made to the Company for the issue of a duplicate scrip.

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The Charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1.
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Members are advised that they must show their Season Tickets to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure.

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ROBERTSON.—On May 8, 1924, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Robertson, a son.

BRITAIN'S POSITION:

England was sued and paid compensation because the famous "Alabama" which did so much havoc in the American civil war, was built in a British ship-yard. Dr. Sun, as we showed yesterday, owed his life to British dis-interference and what draws their young men away.

It is regarded as an early product of a system of western education the result of which it has to be noted, appears to be repugnant to the older generation of Chinese. They did not, and do not now, object to Western education; but to what extent, such can only be attained a day at a time. Dr. Sun may be

from the family council, and the family gods; gives them an outlook not justified, and a bearing that is often over-ostentatious. How far any of these statements apply to Dr. Sun Yat-sen must be, for those better able to judge, to say. It does not seem that any measure of position has been acquired by the Doctor. He was certainly China's first President, and if we remember rightly gave that in to other hands, with a gesture that at least was graceful. He came back when corruption and hypocrisy were obviously being retained as gods; and since then his life has been a ceaseless round of turmoil and strife; a seeking but not a finding. Many of the acts associated with his regime were probably not of his ordering. But once you open the floodgates it is difficult to close them. You may, in homely phrase, lead your forces to the waters of knowledge, but you can't make them think—or drink. Dr. Sun seems to have had a good cause but a poor backing. We shall doubtless have all his faults shown to us, but we prefer to see what we believe exists, signs of the visionary—idealistic—borne down with the weight of his country's woes—seeking to right them. If that be the true analysis—then we may be glad that British disinterestedness helped to preserve one of the world's great men.

Edgar Allan Poe. When the Boston Authors' Club placed a tablet in the vicinity of the house in Boston where Edgar Allan Poe was born, it was doing all that can now be done outwardly to repair a long neglect. Memorials to Poe have not been entirely lacking. But his best monument is that which was visioned by the poet, John H. Tabb, when he wrote his "Invidia Vindex":

A certain tyrant, to disgrace
The more a rebel's resting place,
Compelled his people, every one,
To hurl, in passing there, a stone,
This done, behold the pile became
A monument to keep the name.

And thus it is with Edgar Poe; Each passing critic has his throw, Nor sees, defeating his intent, How lofty grows the monument.

It must always be something of a mystery that the apprehension of Poe's genius should have been so belated in his own country. He was acclaimed a poet among the French, the Germans, and the Spanish before his own countrymen—saving one or two—began to count him among their poets, much less to dream that he was among the greatest of any country. This was in part because he proffered them a gift—that pure art in poetry which has never appealed to the general. Bryant and the New England poets, of whom only one can be thought of as Poe's rival in this field of his art, were all writing within the traditional conventions, straight out of their education in English poetry. Here was a voice ringing out in the tones of no nationality or literature, but finding its sanctions in universal art. So he stands to-day in a sure, high place as a consummate artist, and a tablet more or less is a negligible matter so far as his fame is concerned. Yet it is valuable as an evidence of the awakening art perception which prompts it, as an educating influence upon a generation which does itself honour in the act.

On A Hongkong Screen.

It is safe to say that the seats are in tears—or those in them at any rate. We have a sprinkling of white mess jackets, whilst the women look delightfully cool. There is no "no smoking" and cigar, pipe and cigarette smoke ascend on high to be dashed into space and nothingness by the fans which cool if they do not clarify. "William the Konk," "I love me" are the calls, and the harassed singer very wisely and diplomatically leads the audience in both. It is all a compliment to the "Quaints"—the crowd and the Star Theatre's wisdom also.

The P.W.D. is a very busy department. It is probably the busiest of any of our Government departments. It must be because it employs more "hands" and spends more money than any other department that can be named. It is terribly understaffed. So we are told. And that is the reason why much that is attempted is left over. Every man Jack P.W.D.

man is unutterably busy. He gets home late to his wife and children, or, if he is a bachelor his Club knows him not—or perhaps not so much A principal official of the P.W.D. spent part of his valuable time in initiating a prosecution against the Coronet, for impinging on Crown land with an effective advertisement display. Fined \$10. Now we know why the P.W.D. is over-worked. We begin to think it is over-stuffed.

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The whistle has sounded, the gangway is up, and the Ferry is on the move. But what matters it? A well-known doctor dashes through, mounts the rail, poised in mid-air for a moment, and scrambles on board. He is to be excused. He may not know better, or what it is to be an example. But probably he is out on a life and death case. He is. He is going home to dinner!

5.30 to 9 p.m. Not a seat to be had. Standing room even is conspicuously absent. We hold on with bated breath so to speak, and we gather round the standard and wonder if there is a joke in it. For the wording on it, correctly spelt and punctuated, informs us that standing room is not allowed. We like people to be original and we bless the Hongkong Tramway Co., Ltd.

To run a big

THE F. & D. OF IMPERIAL OR INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITIONS.

hibiton, like that at Wembley,

is a highly speculative venture.

London's first experiment of the kind, the "Great Exhibition" of 1851, resulted in a profit of about £150,000; but the next one, held in 1862, showed a loss of £10,000. The Franco-British Exhibition of 1908, which attracted 26,000,000 visitors to the White City, made a small profit.

The most disappointing of all international exhibitions, from a pecuniary point of view, was that held at Vienna in 1873. This resulted in a deficit of nearly two millions sterling. The Paris exhibition of 1867 showed a net loss of £1,250,000.

Some truths seem to have been uttered at a recent Cambridge Union debate on the somewhat peculiar motion "that this house has the highest regard for rhetoric." Mr. Stanley Baldwin who spoke said he regarded rhetoric as one of the greatest dangers of our modern civilisation.

The gift of rhetoric had been responsible for more bloodshed than all the guns and explosives that were ever invented. Rousseau, Robespierre, and Danton had caused the French Revolution with rhetoric, and Kerenky had filled the Russian people with rhetoric until they had come to their present chaos. There was no force in the world to-day which had a greater power for evil; he held it in positive horror.

The big things did not need rhetoric. St. Paul was not orator, but his speeches and teachings had lasted a very long time. If we went back two thousand years we would back St. Paul against Lord Beaverbrook in preaching Christianity every Sunday.

There voted—for the motion 297, against the motion 297, and the chairman gave his casting vote in favour of the motion.

HUSH-HUSH. ingly is not dead, as witness the following which is culled from Liverpool paper:

The mystery ship Snapshot (20 tons register) slipped out of the Brunswick Dock entrance a few minutes after three o'clock one morning this week, on a mystery expedition to a certain lagoon up one of the West African rivers, the name of which has not been disclosed.

On board the vessel was the owner, Mr. F. J. Stratford, a native of New Zealand, until recently timber merchant in West Africa; the chief engineer, a native of Liverpool, aged twenty-one; a deck hand, John Scott, ex-Army transport driver; and the captain, Mr. W. H. Stead (67), also a native of Liverpool.

Half an hour before sailing, two mysterious persons, wearing overcoats, and caps pulled well down over the face, hailed the small vessel, and boarded her. A few minutes later the little vessel left the Coburg Dock, where she had lain, hidden from view between two barges, on her 4,500 miles' secret mission to the West Coast of Africa.

If needs the pen of a da Vinci Stacpoole to do justice to this. Here we have all the items necessary to a first-class romance: a small boat; the early morning sailing, "a certain lagoon" etc., etc.

More brain power is wasted by inventors BRAIN that by any other class of people. Sir John Downe, president of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers states that only one out of every 10,000

Supplied by All Chemists
Physicians prescribe Chamberlain's Celloid and Diarrhoea Remedy because it relieves cramps in the stomach and intestinal pains quicker than any preparation they can compound. It can be bought from any chemist. A bottle will keep for years and no home is complete without it. Sold everywhere.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised
in The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

May 16.—Coronet Theatre; "One Arabian Night."

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May 16.—Queens Theatre "Chefa and Palermo, the Magicians" also "The Forgotten Law."

SOCIAL.

May 17.—Dance at Peak Club, 9.30 p.m.—Dance at Peak Club, 9.15 p.m.

June 12.—Mr. William Hougham, well known Bassoon-Baritone, singing at the Peak Club, 9.30 p.m.

SPORTS.

May 24.—Third extra Race Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club.

June 7-9.—Fourth extra Race Meeting of the H.K. Jockey Club.

PUBLIC CAUTION.

May 17.—Lammert Bros. at Holl's Wharf, Kowloon, 665 custom hearings, 11 a.m.

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May 22.—Lammert Bros. at 5 Leighton Hill Road, household furniture, 2.45 p.m.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

May 28.—Forty-third meeting of the Canton Insurance Office, Ltd. at Jardine Matheson's offices, at noon.

May 28.—Second meeting of shareholders of Lane, Crawford Ltd., at the Hongkong Hotel, noon.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The P. and O. s.s. "Sicilia," which arrived yesterday from Singapore, reports a case of chicken pox on board.

A collision between two steam-launches making for the same tow occurred in the harbour early this morning. Little damage was done.

"Pretty soon, before a person or a household in Canton may engage a native priest, nun, or a monk to perform religious services, says the Canton Evening Star, he will have to pay a fee of two dollars daily while the service is on. The city treasurer will collect the fee, and any person holding service without first getting permits and paying for the permit will be fined from \$20 to \$100."

The Captain of the s.s. "Hulchow" from Wei-hai-wei, which arrived at Hongkong yesterday, reports that he sighted the "Glen Amoy," ashore at the East end of Victoria Island at 9.45 a.m. on the 12th. He approached and signalled "Can I assist?" and received the reply "No, thank you." He proceeded on his way leaving the s.s. "Chikliang," standing by.

[The s.s. "Glen Amoy" went ashore in a fog on Sunday.]

CORRESPONDENCE.

PITY THE RICKSHA COOLIE.

To the Editor of the "China Mail."

Sir.—I fully endorse "Fairplay's" letter advocating the cause of our chair and ricksha men. Will a paternal Government still turn a deaf ear to their silent pleadings?

Where are now our public men who have won honour, esteem and respect for the work they have done in the name of humanity? Are we so ready to avail of the services of these peace-loving beings and if not a finger to plead their cause?

Is there no energetic young man threatening to serve, willing to make this worthy cause his life's work?

Yours etc.,

HUMANE PLAY.

Hongkong, May 16.

FIVE YEAR HOUSES.

THE LANDLORD'S DEFENCE.

Later yesterday the case for the landlords was given in the action brought by two tenants against the landlords of houses in Second street. The complaint was that the landlords sent workmen to pull some five year old houses down and that the roof of the house in which the complainants lived had been taken off and furniture removed before the landlords found that the notices to quit had not expired.

Mr. G. C. Davidson, for the landlords, claimed that it was a reasonable inference that the contractor took it that the notices had expired. The claim for \$1,000 damages of the ground floor tenant was fantastic. He should have repaired the roof and recovered the cost from the landlord.

The case was adjourned.

FIVE HOURS-20 CENTS.

NOVEMBER ENGINEER
AND RICSHA COOLIE.

A Norwegian ship's engineer, Anders Wallin (24) was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Hongkong Magistracy this morning with refusing to pay a ricksha coolie his proper fare and also with assaulting an Indian police sergeant.

The ricksha coolie told the Court that the engineer engaged him last night about 10.30 p.m. outside the Hongkong Hotel. He took him to the King Edward Hotel and was told to wait. Defendant reappeared half an hour later and ordered the coolie to take him back to the Hongkong Hotel and was again told to wait. The coolie said he waited until 12 midnight when his fare appeared and told him to go to Wan Chai where defendant entered a house and did not come out until 2 a.m. Then he took him to Sun Yat-sen Street and once more was ordered to wait, so money having been paid him up to then.

The coolie went on to say he waited an hour outside the house in Sampion Street before defendant made his appearance. When the engineer did come, he told the coolie to drive him to Blake Pier where he refused to pay any money. He appealed to an English overseer and an Indian sergeant who came on the scene, went up to defendant and spoke to him.

The coolie had the defendant from 10.30 to about 3.30 a.m.—about five hours—yes.

Asked if he wanted to prosecute the coolie, defendant said he paid the man twenty cents at Blake Pier. But the coolie wanted fifty cents.

Mr. Lindell: What? Twenty cents for five hours?

Defendant: I only engaged the coolie from the Seamen's Institute.

Mr. Lindell: I don't believe you: I believe what the coolie says.

Questioned again, the ricksha coolie steadfastly adhered to his statement that he had engaged a fare for five hours starting out from the Hongkong Hotel.

The Indian sergeant said he was walking Blake Pier at 3 o'clock this morning while on patrol duty and saw defendant from a distance. The ricksha coolie complained that the defendant had not paid him any money.

Witness said he asked the engineer to pay the coolie but received the reply that the coolie had already been paid. The ricksha coolie denied this to witness, adding that he had been engaged for nearly five hours and had not been paid a cent.

The sergeant said that when he told the defendant that he had either to pay the coolie or accompany him to Central Police Station, the defendant ran off on the spot, knocking off his umbrella. Then he arrested defendant.

The engineer was ordered to pay the ricksha coolie \$2 compensation and fined \$10 for the assault.

IS SUN YAT SEN DEAD?

LATEST FROM CANTON.

REFUSAL TO PRODUCE THE DOCTOR.

Interest in Dr. Sun Yat-sen, dead or alive, and in spite of assurances by his physician and Secretary that he is very much alive, continue unabated. A large number still continue to believe that Dr. Sun Yat-sen is no more, basing their belief on rumours which continue to emanate from various sources; the tardiness in issuing assurances to the contrary, and the fact that no outside person exists who has seen Dr. Sun Yat-sen since rumours of his death began to be circulated. Below will be found the latest information on the matter including report from our special representative.

A Refusal

In order finally to obtain optical evidence of the presence in the flesh of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, and in that way to convince the many who consistently claim that Dr. Sun is dead, the *China Mail* dispatched a special representative to Canton with specific instructions not necessarily to obtain an interview with the Doctor, but to see him. "Seeing is believing" and only in this way can those in Canton who have deliberately taken their own time in a matter that excites the interest of the world, hope to assure the public that Sun Yat-sen is alive. Naturally the only man to go to in Canton is Mr. Eugene Chen and on him our representative has called. He writes that Mr. Chen is emphatic that Sun Yat-sen is perfectly well after his indisposition which was not illness. Further that Dr. Sun does not feel called upon to prove to anybody that he is not dead. Our representative's message is as follows:—

Mr. Eugene Chen at Headquarters made the following statement:—"Sun Yat-sen does not feel called upon to prove to anybody that he is not dead. In view of the fact of categorical statements issued by Mr. Eugene Chen under his own name he has sent to the *Hongkong Telegraph* the following:—"Reported death of Sun Yat-sen is untrue. In your issue yesterday you stated:—"We have made every endeavour to secure authentic news in order to keep public fully informed. I have not received any enquiry from you although you frequently communicated to me on less important matters." Interview with Dr. Sun has been refused. So, that is that! The public must now use its own judgment in the matter and draw its own conclusions. Mr. Engen Chen says Dr. Sun Yat-sen is alive, but refuses to produce him.

INSURANCE IN CHINA

UNSETLED CONDITIONS HAMPERING TRADE.

OTHERWISE OPTIMISTIC OUTLOOK.

Union Insurance Society Annual Meeting.

Unsettled conditions in China leading to serious hampering of trade were again referred to at the annual meeting this morning of the Union Insurance Society of Canton. Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Chairman, said that the Society's home field was China and they were making every effort to strengthen their position. The business of Marine Underwriting and Insurance generally, in common with all other trades had been passing through a difficult period but the general trend of business warranted a more optimistic view. Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak presided and the following were present:—Messrs. J. A. Plummer, J. O. Russell, J. P. Warren, C. P. S. Mackie, G. M. Young, directors, and the following shareholders:—Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K. C. Hon. Mr. A. R. Lowe, Messrs. J. Scott Harston, W. R. Mansfield, A. A. and A. E. S. Alves, D. V. Stevenson, Ho Fook, H. E. L. Dowbiggin, W. L. Stevenson, W. L. Leask, L. Dunbar, G. C. Franklin, Father Robert, L. E. Ryan, Chau Siu-ki, J. A. Alabaster, G. G. Franklin, B. M. C. da Cunha, M. A. R. Souza, V. L. Remedios, Sun Pak-ming, W. E. L. Shenton, C. B. Ribeiro, H. Glanville, A. V. Apear, A. C. Hay, J. A. Worswick, Capt. R. D. Thomas, E. A. Lees, C. Bernard Brown, W. L. Pattenden, W. F. Gardner, E. A. G. May, Yeung Yan-po, P. M. Hodgson.

The Chairman said:—

The Report and Accounts were issued on the May 1, which will have given you ample time to scrutinize our figures and I propose therefore to follow the usual custom and take them, as well as the Auditor's Report as read.

several years emphasize the necessity for charging rates which will allow the setting aside of premium to provide for these heavy casualties.

The dearth of trained assistants which inevitably followed the Great War is gradually being overcome and the knowledge and experience gained by the younger generation of Insurance men makes for the smoother and more efficient conduct of the business.

Turning to the figures in the Report I would explain that we have followed our usual custom and taken the Investments at their Market value as at the 31st December. Exchange has again been a somewhat important factor in the figures and the fall in the American cross-rate has increased the Gold Dollars sterling equivalent in our Balance Sheet. You will notice that our Re-insurance Fund has been increased by over £200,000 and the Report generally is very encouraging.

A Conservative Policy.

Notwithstanding the satisfactory Account presented it has been thought wise, considering the trade conditions of the World, that no increase in our Dividend shall be made, and your Directors deem it advisable to continue, for a further period, the conservative policy adopted last year.

Japanese Earthquake.

The year 1923 was a troubled one not only in this Colony but in many parts of the World, and I would particularly refer to the terrible calamity which most unfortunately overtook Japan. In this connection you will be pleased to learn that no Member of the Society's Staff received injury during the Earthquake. Our office in Yokohama was totally destroyed but the Tokio Branch escaped with only damage. A temporary Office has been erected in Yokohama on our old site and the Branch was re-opened for business on the 1st February last. No doubt when many of our Shareholders heard of the disaster they had uneasy thoughts as to the possible effect it would have on the Society's business. We transact in Japan a larger Marine Account than any other Foreign Company, but I am happy to state that the disaster has left us unshaken and for your information our entire loss is estimated at approximately £100,000. Gentlemen, considering the nature and magnitude of the calamity, we have reason for thankfulness that we have escaped so lightly.

Speaking Chinese.

Last year your Chairman referred to the unsettled conditions in China which were seriously hampering trade and I regret that conditions during the past year have shown no sign of improvement. The Society's home field is in this Country where we continue to make every effort to strengthen our position. With this end in view encouragement is being given to our Junior Officers to study Chinese or other Eastern language as your Directors feel that the necessity for speaking the language of the Country of residence will become increasingly necessary and be of material assistance to our trade.

This step will enable our Officers to maintain a closer connection with the Traders of the country in which they reside.

You will be pleased to learn that the Society entered into occupation of its new building in Cornhill, London, on March 25, and the excellent Office erected has given entire satisfaction to all concerned.

Gentlemen, we have followed our usual custom and voted a Bonus of 15 per cent on salaries to the credit of Members of the Staff holding Provident Fund Agreements which we feel sure will meet with your approval.

Mr. Ede's Retirement.

I have now to make an announcement which I am sure will be received by you all with feelings of profound regret and it is to inform you that our respected and deeply loved General Manager, owing to his continued indifferent health, has tendered his resignation as from June 30 next which has been reluctantly accepted by your Directors. Mr. Ede's fine spirited Public Work for many years in this Colony, in which he has so ably seconded by his devoted wife, is so well known to you all that I will not dwell upon it here save to say that we all hope it will soon meet with the recognition it so richly deserves.

Cut Throat Competition.

The Market of Insurance has never been larger in the history of the World than at present and the increased number of Companies and individuals seeking to make profits from the business naturally means increased competition. Nevertheless there appears to be slowly gathering what may be termed an understanding amongst Underwriters that the rates now current in the World's Markets require stiffening, and although a great deal still remains to be done, co-operation amongst the various Companies is growing, and it is evident that Underwriters are beginning to realize the necessity for abandoning the extreme competition which has proved so detrimental to sound business. The "Liner" losses that have occurred during the past

No. 10, the success of his activities in this field was materially assisted by the high esteem in which

Mr. Ede holds the People of that Country, and, we believe, that he was held by them. As you are no doubt aware His Majesty the Emperor of Japan conferred upon him the "Order of the Sacred Treasure."

Two great qualities in Mr. Ede's character have always appealed to me, namely, his invariable courtesy and his unfailing patience.

His Activities.

Mr. Ede has particularly requested me not to dwell on his resignation since you can well understand that after serving the Company for the space of 40 years he feels the severance very keenly but it would be ill-fitting indeed if we were allowed to retire without some reference by the Directors to the outstanding part he has played in the development of the Society's business and Assets during the period he has controlled its Destinies. I need merely mention that in 1908 when Mr. Ede assumed charge, the total assets were approximately a Million Sterling and the balance sheet now before you proclaims them to be over five times that figure, facts which speak for themselves and need no amplification.

During the same period, through his foresight and personality amalgamations were arranged and successfully concluded first between the *China Fire* and later the *North China* both of which have added considerably to the Society's power which to-day Gentlemen, is worldwide.

It has been my privilege as a Director of the Company to be associated with Mr. Ede for many years now; throughout that period I have been profoundly impressed with his intense personal devotion to the Company and the manner in which he has built up its excellent system with a view to securing the continuity of a Policy which has amply proved itself in the past and with this effected Gentlemen, our General Manager can safely take the rest which is both merited and deserved.

You will all be pleased to learn that he will continue to reside amongst us and although he will not actively be engaged in business in the future we shall still be able to enjoy the charm of his very kindly nature. In recognition of the very valued services rendered to the Society by Mr. Ede your Directors have voted him a sum of £20,000 and his present Commission on profits for three years and which I am confident will meet with your approval.

I have now to announce that after very careful deliberation the Board have appointed Mr. Paul Launder who has wide experience in many of the Society's principal Branches as well as at Head Office—whom we have tried and have full confidence in—to succeed Mr. Ede and he will assume charge of the Society's business as from July 1 next. (Applause).

There now only remains for me to propose the adoption of the Report and Accounts and when this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer any questions that may be put.

Directors and Auditors.

Messrs. J. A. Plummer and J. O. Russell were re-elected directors on the proposition of Mr. V. L. dos Remedios seconded by Mr. A. E. S. Alves.

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These are qualities which command respect at all times, but in Mr. Ede's case, we have to remember that he would be entitled to be excused if they were on occasion missing, for as we all know, he has for some ten years suffered from ill-health of such a nature and to such an extent as to try him, almost beyond endurance, and yet he has day after day, month after month and year after year so borne himself as to entitle him to the admiration of friend and foe alike.

Many a younger man than he would have given up the struggle long ago, but Mr. Ede is imbued with the same spirit as that which has made the British Empire what it is to-day, and he has by his courage and determination set an example which will serve as a guiding light to those connected with the Company in the years to come.

With regard to Mr. Ede's ability, I need only mention the fact that under his management the business of the Company has been quadrupled.

You, Mr. Chairman, have indicated in your speech the esteem in which your colleagues and yourself hold Mr. Ede, and I will only add that I know that such esteem is thoroughly well deserved.

I am pleased to note from your remarks, Mr. Chairman, that Mr. Ede will continue to reside among us, and I trust that he may long be spared to do so. He has more than earned the rest which his relinquishment of the post of General Manager will undoubtedly give him.

I would like to add a word of welcome to Mr. Launder, who you, Mr. Chairman, have told us is to succeed Mr. Ede as General Manager on the 1st July next.

I have not known Mr. Launder so long or so intimately as I have known Mr. Ede, but I have been brought into sufficient contact with him to be made aware that he is a gentleman possessed of the attribute which Carlyle described as "Genius," namely, "The infinite capacity for taking pains."

He has had a lengthy experience in the Company's service, and I am sure will merit the confidence reposed in him by the Company's Board of Directors; and I feel certain that the future will show that such confidence has not been misplaced.

I am sure you will all join me in wishing Mr. Launder a long and prosperous career as the Company's General Manager.

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE.

COMPANY'S ANNUAL MEETING.

At the fifty-fifth annual meeting this morning, Mr. P. H. Holyoak presided and there were present the following directors: Messrs. P. H. Holyoak, Chairman, J. A. Plummer, J. O. Russell, J. P. Warren, C. G. S. Mackie and the following shareholders: G. T. Franklin, W. R. Mansfield, P. Launder, A. C. Hay, E. A. Lees, B. M. C. da Cunha, V. L. dos Remedios, A. E. S. Alves, A. A. Alves, M. A. R. Souza, V. R. V. Ribeiro, W. F. Gardner, R. D. Reed and D. M. Hodgson.

Chairman's Speech.

The Chairman said: "The report and accounts were issued on the 1st May and subject to your approval I will follow the usual procedure and take it as well as the Auditor's report as read."

The working account for the year 1922 shows a balance of \$904,376.02 to be dealt with. Your Directors recommend that this balance be appropriated as follows:—

Dividend of \$7.00 and Bonus of \$3.00 per share on 20,000 shares \$200,000.00

To carry forward to Underscoring Suspense Account 704,376.02

\$904,376.02

Turning to the balance sheet you will notice that Sterling Exchange this year is 2s. 2½d. as against 2s. 2d. last year.

The balance at credit of the 1923 account is \$1,366,779.04.

I feel certain, Gentlemen, that you will consider these figures satisfactory from all points of view.

I now move that the Directors' report and statement as presented be adopted and when this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer any questions that may be put.

Mr. A. C. Hay seconded the report which was carried unanimously.

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I am pleased to note from your remarks, Mr. Chairman, that Mr. Ede will continue to reside among us, and I trust that he may long be spared to do so. He has more than earned the rest which his relinquishment of the post of General Manager will undoubtedly give him.

I would like to add a word of welcome to Mr. Launder, who you, Mr. Chairman, have told us is to succeed Mr. Ede as General Manager on the 1st July next.

I have not known Mr. Launder so long or so intimately as I have known Mr. Ede, but I have been brought into sufficient contact with him to be made aware that he is a gentleman possessed of the attribute which Carlyle described as "Genius," namely, "The infinite capacity for taking pains."

He has had a lengthy experience in the Company's service, and I am sure will merit the confidence reposed in him by the Company's Board of Directors; and I feel certain that the future will show that such confidence has not been misplaced.

I am sure you will all join me in wishing Mr. Launder a long and prosperous career as the Company's General Manager.

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25.—O. N. Kwei-yang.

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May 18.—O. S. K. Kaito Maru.

19.—D. L. Hsiaohung.

20.—U. N. Yihchow.

22.—O. S. K. Kotow Maru.

23.—D. L. Hsiaofong.

24.—O. C. N. Suiankang.

25.—O. N. Kwei-yang.

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May 20.—D. L. Hsiaofong.

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"NAGPORE"	8,283	27th May	Singapore, Colombo & Bombay
"KUHLA"	6,667	31st May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"ALIPORE"	5,273	5th June	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
"SICILIA"	6,613	12th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KANGAR"	8,840	14th June	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
"SOUDAN"	6,690	25th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MOREA"	10,011	28th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KARMA LA"	9,035	12th July	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
"SICILIA"	9,113	21st July	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
"MALWA"	10,941	26th July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"DEVANHA"	8,032	1st Aug.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MANTUA"	10,093	23rd Aug.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KALIA"	9,121	26th Aug.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KALISAL-HIND"	11,430	4th Oct.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KASHMIR"	8,963	11th Oct.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MOREA"	10,011	15th Oct.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KALIA"	8,840	1st Nov.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MALWA"	10,941	15th Nov.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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SHIP	TONS	FROM HONGKONG (about)	DESTINATION
"TAKADA"	6,040	30th May	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"TORILLA"	6,205	13th June	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"TALMA"	10,090	13th June	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

SHIP	TONS	FROM HONGKONG (about)	DESTINATION
"EASTERN"	4,000	28th May	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Isle of Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne.
"ARAFURA"	8,000	3rd July	do.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,603	30th July	do.

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SHIP	TONS	FROM HONGKONG (about)	DESTINATION
"SICILIA"	8,812	16th May at noon	Shanghai
"KASHGAR"	8,840	18th May 4 p.m.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TORILLA"	5,295	24th May	Moji and Kobe.
"TALMA"	10,090	30th May	Moji and Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	7th June	Moji and Kobe.
"KALIMALA"	6,636	11th June	Shanghai
"KALWA"	9,098	13th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	27th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"SICILIA"	8,813	10th July	Shanghai
"DEVANHA"	8,032	11th July	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MANTUA"	10,932	25th July	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"EASTERN"	4,000	28th Aug.	Moji and Kobe.
"KALIA"	9,113	8th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KALISAL-HIND"	11,430	22nd Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	8,803	26th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	8,000	3rd Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MOREA"	10,931	19th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHGAR"	8,840	3rd Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,000	4th Oct.	Moji and Kobe.
"KALIA"	10,934	1st Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KALWA"	9,098	1st Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"EASTERN"	4,000	1st Nov.	Moji and Kobe.
"MANTUA"	10,902	15th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KALIA"	9,097	29th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	8,000	6th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MACEDONIA"	11,033	13th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.

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CRIME AND INSANITY.

LORD DARLING ON "IMULSE."

Do harm by stealth

And blush to find it crime

In the above lines Lord Darling, who recently retired as Mr. Justice Darling after a distinguished legal career, utters a trenchant criticism of the views held on the question of crime and insanity by members of what he terms "the Automatic School."

This school, he says in a striking article in the London *Evening News*, "have lately reinforced the old well-worn arguments with a theory that man has two minds, the conscious and the sub-conscious; and witnesses are not hard to find who will explain to any jury that it was the sub-conscious one alone which was active when their protégé committed crime."

Dealing with the argument that the impulse to commit crime is irresistible in certain cases, Lord Darling quotes a declaration by the Council of the British Medical Association to the effect that "no act is a crime if a person who does it, at the time it is done, prevented, either by defective mental power or by any disease affecting the mind, from controlling his own conduct, unless the absence of the power of control is the direct and immediate consequence of his own default."

"The existing rules are plain," adds Lord Darling, "and judges have found little difficulty in showing to juries how they apply to the facts proved in evidence and to the opinions given by medical witnesses. If enacted, the new rule must be expressed in clear and simple language. It already obtains in some parts of the King's dominions, and it would, I think, allay the regrettable differences which have too long existed between physicians and jurists."

But gifts have often dangers in themselves, and so it must never be forgotten when this matter is discussed that the suggested new defence cannot be limited to murder but is as good an answer to any other criminal charge."

MRS. HALDANE 99.

REPLY TO THE KING'S CONGRATULATIONS.

Mrs. Haldane, mother of Viscount Haldane, the Lord Chancellor, entered on her hundredth year. Throughout the morning she was occupied at her house, Clean, Auchterarder, Perthshire, in opening letters, telegrams, and parcels from every part of the world.

Chief among the telegrams of congratulations is one from the King, addressed to Lord Haldane, which reads:

"I am so glad to think that you are celebrating the 99th birthday of your dear mother, and that she has been spared to you and your family for so many years. I have often heard of her charming personality, and how she has endeared herself to a wide circle of friends by the simplicity of her character and her thoughtfulness for others."

Mrs. Haldane has written a letter in reply—without glasses.

The Prime Minister has wired: "A very happy and comforting birthday to you."

Asked for the secret of long life, Mrs. Haldane replied: "Avoid stimulants; keep a happy mind and a tranquil spirit."

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LOCAL METALS MARKET.

Quotations by local metals dealers for various lines this morning, nominal, were as follows:

Mild Steel Bars: 3/16" 5/16" to 1" \$6.00 per picul; 9/16" 11/16" 1" \$5.50.

Plates, 4" x 8" x 3/32" 1/16" 1/8" \$6.60 per picul; 4" x 8" x 3/16" and up \$5.80.

Timber, 14" x 20" x 100 lbs. x 112s at \$12 per box; 14" x 20" x 110 lbs. x 124s at \$11.

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Sales put through (for indent) were as follows:

Joists 3" x 5" 50 tons—at \$5 per 100 lbs.

Plate Cuttings—at \$4.30 per 100 lbs.

NAM PAK HONG MARKETS.

This morning's Nam Pak Hong quotations, basis usual guild terms, were as follows:

Java sugar, average quality, per picul net—No. 21 rough, white "spot" \$12.43; "Purum," July delivery \$10.63; September delivery \$10.43; No. 21 fine white \$15.30; No. 18 rough brown \$12.53; Java brown \$11.80.

Rice, average quality, per picul gross for net—No. 1 Siam long white \$9.65; No. 1 Saigon long white \$7.75.

Flour, per sack of 50 lbs.—Spiry's XNN \$3.46; White Greens \$2.55; Nutmeg Orange \$2.50; Kingfisher \$2.82; Matze \$2.42; Big Gun \$2.62; Tiger Shield \$2.90; Globe \$2.42; Old Mill \$2.42; Reindeer \$2.50; Melon \$2.46; White Rose \$2.42; C. & C. \$2.50; Dayton \$2.50; Banana \$2.42.

OLYMPIC CLOTHING.

WASHINGTON, May 15.

The Senate Oil Committee has tentatively closed the so-called Teapot Dome hearing. Chairman Walsh has stated that no new defence cannot be limited to murder but is as good an answer to any other criminal charge."

SHANGHAI DULLNESS IN RACE WEEK.

Commenting on the state of the Shanghai market during race week, the *N. C. D. News* says:

It has been a very uninteresting week in all lines. The races generally are treated only as a coincidence, and the explanation is said to be that there was a sudden unaccountable falling off of orders, particularly as regards piece goods.

Importers have had very little to do, for though there have been some inquiries, they have not been of a nature to bring business and transactions are unlikely until there is a more favourable exchange.

The Chinese cotton and yarn business

was dull enough anyway, but, to

make the stagnation more pronounced, the Chinese all took a business holiday yesterday, attending the exchange, but ignoring possible business and spending the day in the smoking room discussing the political situation.

PIRE GOODS.

The rise in values during the past six weeks, though slow, was so steady that it was evident there would be reaction, even though slight; and this came during the week.

Except locally, the weather conditions have been favourable and it is hard to understand quite why the market suddenly has gone goofy.

The fact remains, however,

that there has been a lack of orders, and a more or less general decline in prices.

There does not appear to be anything seriously wrong, but for some obscure reason business has fallen off.

ISLAND OF MUD.

SINKS INTO SEA AFTER FOUR MONTHS.

The new island which appeared suddenly last November off the Arakan coast, in the Bay of Bengal, is now, four months later, reported to have disappeared as mysteriously as it came.

It was more than a thousand feet

long and thirty feet high.

The island was mainly composed

of mud which had been forced

above the surface of the sea by the accumulation of petroleum gases.

The sea in this region is very shallow and it is also a weak point

in the earth's crust.

The disappearance of the island is attributed to the softer parts being washed away, though it has left a shoal behind.

WHO'S WHO.

LATEST CHINA COAST CHANGES.

Mr. G. A. Evans, chief officer,

"Luens," is on reserve.

Mr. R. J. Nunn, from reserve,

has gone chief officer "Luens."

Mr. C. E. Fisher, chief officer,

"Shantung," has gone chief officer,

"Taikoo Wan I."

Mr. A. J. Nathan, from reserve,

has gone chief officer "Shantung."

Mr. J. G. Smart, chief officer,

"Taikoo Wan I," has gone chief officer, "Chinkiang."

Mr. D. C. Lewis, from leave,

has gone supply second officer,

"Yatshing."

Mr. H. W. Fraser, third engineer,

"Tingsang," has gone second engineer "Kwongsan."

Mr. E. Dewar has been appointed

third engineer, "Tingsang."

Mr. J. W. Fisher, third engineer,

"Suiwo," has gone acting second

engineer same ship.

Mr. L. F. Ellis, second engineer,

"Suiwo," is on leave.

Mr. J. Colphoun has been ap-

pointed third engineer "Suiwo."

Captain J. A. Murphy, of the

"Hsinwah," has gone master,

"Hsinwah."

Captain S. M. Copp, of the

"Hsinwah," has gone master

"Tungwah."

Mr. A. G. Corbin, acting second

officer, "Haihong," has gone third

officer "Haihong."

Mr. J. McN. Thompson, third

officer, "Haihong," has gone

second officer, "Haihong."

Mr. K. Kendall, third officer,

"Haining," has gone second

officer, same ship.

Mr. R. Bell has been appointed

third officer, "Haining."

Mr. E. A. Neijson, from reserve,

has gone chief officer, "Sanning."

Mr. I. Ogi, chief officer,

"Sanning," is on reserve.

Mr. A. C. Newton, third officer,

"Fooksang," has gone third

officer, "Cheongshing."

Mr. A. M. Jewell, third officer,

"Cheongshing," is on reserve.

Mr. B. M. Thompson, chief

officer, "Kinshan," has gone chief

officer, "Honam."

Mr. A. S. T. Fullam, chief

officer, "Kinshan," has gone chief

officer, "Kinshan." (Shipping and

Engineering.)

RUSSIAN PRINCESS.

MARRIAGE TO GUARDS OFFICER.

Within the next few weeks, *The Daily Mail* understands, the marriage will take place in a London register office of the 20-year-old Russian Princess Maria Bariatinsky and Mr. James Binny Ford, aged 21, Grenadier Guards officer.

The licence described the bride as "Maria Bariatinsky, spinster, aged 20." All reference to her

Walsh has omitted, but when the Princess's age was given, she was told that before the marriage could take place she would have to have her parents' consent.

Her father, Prince Anatole

Bariatinsky, who was to give his

consent, died at Mentone and was buried at Monte Carlo.

Princess Bariatinsky left London

to attend her father's funeral and to obtain her mother's consent to the marriage.

THE POPE'S WALK.

OLD VATICAN BOUNDARY PASSED.

The Pope walked a few yards

further than any of his predeces-

sors during the last 54 years from

the Apostolic Palace, when he

went to inaugurate a new playing

field belonging to the Catholic

association, the Knights of

Columbus. A controversy has

arisen as to whether this con-

sists of an infringement of Pope

Pius IX's decision that the

Pontiffs should not leave the

Vatican.

The Vatican holds that as the

PEKING HAPPENINGS.
ILICIT ARMS TRAFFIC.
ANTI-FOREIGN FEELING.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Peking, May 5.
There is great dissatisfaction over the present arrangement for the collection of the Octroi duties on parcels received by foreigners through the main Post Office. The trouble has been growing for some considerable time, and both Chinese and foreigners desire that some other less irritating means of collection should be adopted, or stopped altogether. There is a doubt as to whether the collection of duties from foreigners is legally "justifiable." Since, however, the duties have been collected and no protests made by the Legations, it seems to point to the fact that the duties levied are legal, but it is difficult to find a treaty provision justifying such collection.

As the methods of the Octroi authorities continue to provoke misunderstandings and incidents, it is high time that the matter was taken in hand. An incident has occurred which should bring the case to a head. April 23, Mr. D'Arcy Wetherbe (whom it will be remembered was a prisoner of the Lin-ching Bandits) refused to go to the Octroi Office, from the Post Office at the Chen Men, for the assessment of duty on a package. He was assaulted by a filthy coolie, who called a policeman to his assistance. The latter jumped on the running board of Mr. D'Arcy Wetherbe's car, and grabbed at him. Mr. Wetherbe then struck the guard and knocked him off the board. The Wu-chia-pu (Foreign Office) is now preparing a protest which is to be sent to the British Legation. The "Yih-Shih Pao" states that the Wu-chia-pu has addressed a note to the British Legation demanding the trial and punishment of Mr. Wetherbe, a British subject, who struck a policeman at the Octroi and that a Chinese representative should be present at the trial and the same proceedings as the British demand, in the soldier on the Wall incident, according to treaty stipulation.

During the address which Dr. Tagore gave at the Temple of Heaven a number of printed statements were handed to the audience. They state that the teaching is against the systems which Chinese hold sacred; that Tagore favours the abolition of administration and opposes material civilization for China which is tended to hasten China's destruction. Lastly the attack is directed against those scholars who invited Dr. Tagore to come to China.

The "Far Eastern Times" to-day (May 5) published an article on the importation of arms to Tientsin. "There are enough arms and ammunition stored away in Tientsin to blow the city into the middle of the Yellow Sea."

This statement was made yesterday to the representative of "The Far Eastern Times" by a man who has seen much of this ammunition, and his testimony is supported by several others who know, but are not at liberty to tell all they could reveal. A large portion of this ammunition, according to various highly authoritative sources, is tucked away in different places in the ex-German and ex-Russian concessions.

A lot of ammunition is shipped in from Germany, and certain agents in Tientsin whose identity is well known are making a profitable turnover from illicit traffic. Moreover, at least one foreigner in Peking is financially interested in these transactions, which are often carried on quite openly.

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Certain signs of an anti-foreign feeling, is growing daily, although some of the residents seem to be quite blind to the fact; it is, however, obvious from many points of view. The recent, and continued attacks on foreigners, the jostling of foreigners in the streets, the way the so styled soldiers, dressed up coolies, swagger about in the Legation quarters, in spite of the fact that according to the Boxer agreement, soldiers in uniform (Chinese) no other than those on duty escorting an official to make a call, are allowed in the Legation quarter. They openly insult foreign women on the streets, and in fact, all foreigners in general, and British in particular.

PROPERTY AUCTION.
SOME GOOD PRICES PAID.

Two houses, Nos. 48 and 48A Boham Strand West, were sold at auction by Messrs. Lamont Brothers yesterday afternoon. The property being situated in the heart of the Chinese business centre, the sale attracted considerable attention and a large gathering attended the auction. The houses formerly belonged to the late Mr. Lo Cheuk-man, who died as the result of a shooting outrage about a year ago when an unknown assailant fired at him whilst he was returning home near the Kan U Fong theatre at night.

The houses, each with an area of less than 2,000 square feet, were sold separately. Bidding started for No. 48 from \$80,000 and was broken throughout bids of \$1,000 a time being made. The house was finally knocked down to the Tai Shun Cheong shop for \$136,000, working out at \$4,64 per sq. ft.

GOOD MUSIC.
THE "HAWKINS" ORCHESTRA.

Many will doubtless be agreeably surprised to learn that H.M.S. "Hawkins" has a very compact little orchestra able to play some of the best in classical music. Last evening, at the Seamen's Institute under Mr. Charles T. Mansfield's direction, the orchestra submitted a programme of nine items, all most acceptable and much appreciated. Thomas, "Raymond" overture opened the programme, and in easy stages we were given a selection from "Saint-Saens" "Samson and Delila," a "Three Light Pieces" and excerpts from "Mignon" including the famous Gavotte. A quartet for Strings—"Babilio" was also enjoyed. The ever popular "Four Indian Love Lyrics" showed the orchestra possessed of a fine sense of feeling. The brass instruments in this selection produced some pure tone. A selection from "Tannhauser" and the dainty and delightful "Egyptian" ballet brought a fine programme to a close. It is hoped the orchestra will arrange another programme.

Paris, May 15.—The death is announced of Baron Destournelles Constant.—*Reuter.*

At Tongshan on May 3, the Rev. Frank B. Turner of the United Methodist Mission was brutally attacked by a coolie armed with a bamboo scaffold pole. According to reports, the coolie made the attack without the slightest provocation; he came up and beat Mr. Turner over the head, knocking him down, and rendering him unconscious. The coolie has been turned over to the police, and the Rev. gentleman subsequently came to Tientsin to have his wounds properly dressed.

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BILLIARDS.
VOLUNTEER CHALLENGE CUP.

The Final for the Volunteer Billiards Challenge Cup was played at the Soldiers' Club on the 9th and 10th May, between the 8th Coy. R.G.A., and Staff and Departments. After the play on the first evening the Staff and Dept. first four players were 130 points behind. To make matters worse one of their best players down to play on Monday evening was unfortunately admitted to hospital the day previous, this considerably weakening their team and a decisive win for the R.G.A. was generally expected, but this did not happen to be the case and the Staff and Dept. gave them a good run and in the end the R.G.A. just managed to escape home by 13 points, after 8 games of 200 each had been played. The two last games on Monday evening certainly had a great deal to do with this, Col. Johnson R.A.S.C., beating Sgt. Young R.G.A. by 68 points and in the last game Pte. Balchin beat Mr. Gr. Taylor R.G.A. by 45 points, the result being always in doubt right to the end.

After the conclusion of the last game on Monday, Colonel Butterworth, President of the Garrison Recreation Club, before asking the O.C. Troops (Colonel Montague Bates, East Surrey Regt.) to present cups and medals, expressed the great satisfaction everyone had in seeing the competition so well run, and the keen games played, mentioning the unfortunate loss to the Staff and Departments of one of their best players, which no doubt had a great deal to do with their losing the game and wished them better luck next time. He wished to thank the Brewers Messrs Bradley, for their kindness in presenting such a very nice Cup for the Break Prize, Mr. Thornhill for so kindly presenting the medals for the runners-up, and a gentleman, who wished to remain anonymous, for the sum of \$50 towards making up for the deficit in the three billiard competitions held this year.

Colonel Montague Bates, O.C. Troops, before presenting the cups and medals, expressed his thanks at being asked to present these prizes, and commented on the very excellent game he had seen and wished the losers better luck next time. He then presented the Challenge Cup to Sgt. Young of 88th Coy. R.G.A., and miniature cups to each member of the winning team and afterwards medals to each member of the runners-up, by handing to Mr. Gr. Taylor R.G.A. the Cup for the Highest Break made in the Competition.

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Below are the scores in the final match.

	88TH COY. R.G.A.
S. M. Gillard	200
Gr. Hanks	200
S. M. Godwin	200
Mr. Gr. Walkington	200
Mr. Gr. Castledine	154
S. M. Cook	200
Sgt. Young	132
Mr. Gr. Taylor	155

POINTS	1441
STAFF AND DEPTS.	
Pte. Miles R.A.M.C.	100
Cpl. Howarth R.A.M.C.	188
L/Cpl. Akass R.A.O.C.	159
L/Cpl. Hawkin R.A.S.C.	124
L/Cpl. Tarry R.A.S.C.	200
Sgt. Taylor R.A.M.C.	167
Cpl. Johnson R.A.S.C.	200
Pte. Balchin R.A.M.C.	200

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OBSERVATORY CO-OPERATION WITH SHIPPING.

Correspondence Between Chamber of Commerce and Government.

We have received from the Chamber of Commerce copies of further correspondence relative to typhoon warnings, to which the Chamber has devoted a great deal of attention since the typhoon which struck Swatow in August, 1922.

The Chamber on the 24th September last addressed the following enquiries to the Government, arising out of a meeting with Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, C.M.G., at that time Acting Colonial Secretary. The Chamber wrote:

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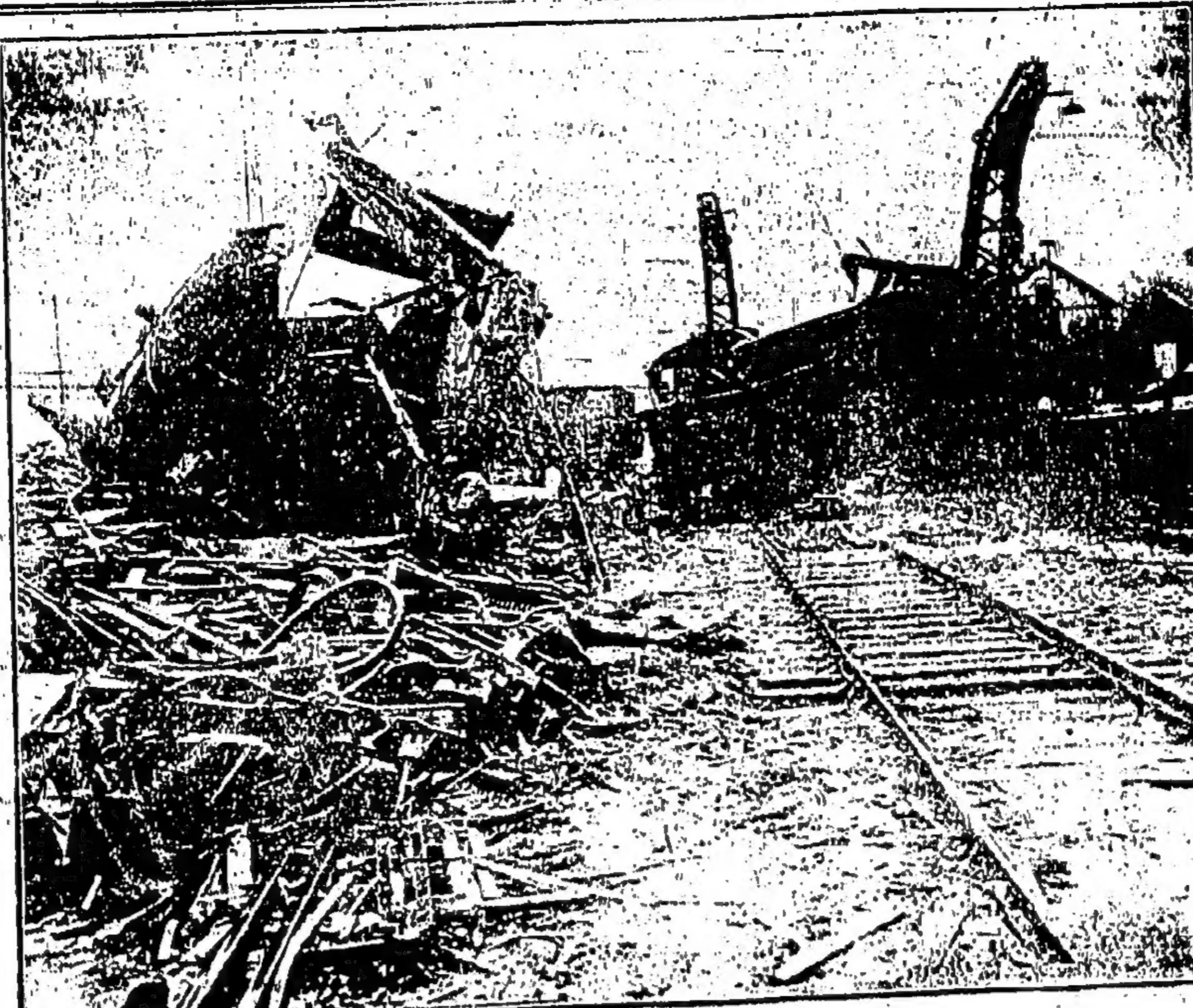
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A photograph of the smash near Metz where the Ostend-Balz-Milan express collided at full speed with a heavy goods train. Eight passengers were killed and 16 badly injured. Mail bags were strewn all over the line.



In an effort to secure increased wages and avert a strike in the Bayonne, oil refinery region, Standard Oil workers decided to make a direct appeal to John D. Rockefeller, Jr., founder of their "republic of labour."

Sebastiano Rondi, a Sicilian lawyer living in Milan, Italy, has sent a challenge to a duel to Maurice Maeterlinck, Belgian poet and playwright, for alleged defamatory articles recently published concerning the poet's Sicilian trip.

Mrs. Lidwina Garbarino, mother of sixteen children, whose ages range from 5 to 33 years, has just won a divorce on the grounds of desertion. Many of the children, she alleges, were driven from home by her husband.



Block by Nam Sun.

The first twin-engined boat Amphibian to be built in the world has just completed its first official trials and been handed over to the Air Ministry. It is designed to accommodate 12 passengers in addition to a pilot and engineer. The machine is fitted with the latest aircraft devices and has folding wings and a unique retractable landing carriage which can be raised or lowered in a few seconds. Photo shows the machine with folded wings proceeding down slipway.



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